

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 47-19

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TOTALING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,300.00 FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE (1) GREEN DUAL PURPOSE K9 FROM VENTOSA K9 KENNEL, INC. A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, UPON SUCH COSTS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Introduced by: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Charter, Section 33-63 further permits the Council to forego the competitive bidding process in order to negotiate professional services contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights Police Department has in the past had a K9 program to provide Forest Heights police officers track down, apprehending criminals and detecting controlled dangerous substances our often encounter while performing their law enforcement duties; and

WHEREAS, to continue start this program, the Forest Heights Police Department must purchase and train a K9, to fulfill the objective of continually providing every sworn member of the Forest Heights Police Department with equipment compatible to the current Taser equipment and system operated by the Department; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the K9 will ensure that more officers have a option at their disposal when reacting to escalating safety situations where a K9 can be useful; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Sheriff's Office has invited Forest Heights Police Department to participate in their K9 trainer school starting August 1, 2019 at no cost; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Sheriff's Officer has also invited the Forest Heights Police Department to travel with their certified K9 trainer to Ventosa K9 Kennel, Inc and select K9; and

WHEREAS, the funds to cover these necessary and legitimate expenses to be paid from Budget line item 7376.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorize, the Chief of Police or his designee to purchase (1) Green Dual Purpose K9 t from Ventosa K9 Kennel, Inc. a sole source upon such price amount not to exceed \$7,300.00. This transaction will proceed as further described herein and in the above recitals which are incorporated by reference herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YE/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

Yea

KENNEDY II

Yea

NOBLE

Yea

BARNES

Yea

HINES

Yea

WASHINGTON

Yea

MANN

excused

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 1 day of July 2019 with 6 Aye votes and 0 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 47-19 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

[Exhibit A-Proposals for Green Dual Purpose K9]